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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FACILITY EXPANSION **BUTTERFIELD STATION FACILITY**40404 SOUTH 99TH AVENUE, MOBILE, ARIZONA 85239

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is providing the public this notice that is has received a solid waste landfill facility plan modification application from Waste Management of Arizona, Inc., to expand the Butterfield Station Facility, a municipal solid waste landfill facility. The Butterfield Station Facility is located approximately 40 miles southwest of the Phoenix metropolitan area at 40404 South 99th Avenue, Mobile, Arizona 85239. The proposed expansion will cover approximately 236 acres. This area, in addition to the current 455-acre footprint, would result in a total landfill footprint of 691 acres. Waste Management received a special use permit for a solid waste landfill facility from the Maricopa County Planning and Development Department. Zoning stipulations limit the maximum excavation depth and the final closure height of the new areas to 80 feet below and 250 feet above the original surface grade, respectively. This expansion will increase total landfill capacity from 148.1 million cubic yards to 228.8 million cubic yards.

As part of its deliberation on whether to approve or disapprove the application, ADEQ is requesting comments on the proposed municipal solid waste landfill facility expansion. ADEQ will review all written technical comments and, as appropriate, request the applicant to modify the facility plan to address comments received. If a preliminary decision is made by ADEQ to approve the facility plan application and if sufficient public interest is evidenced by written comments received, ADEQ will hold a public hearing. If a public hearing is held, each person who submitted comments will be notified by mail of the hearing, and a public hearing notice will be published at least 30 days prior to the hearing date in this newspaper.

ADEQ's role is to ensure, through the plan review process, that the proposed solid waste landfill expansion can operate without creating a public health nuisance or causing contamination to the environment. Therefore, ADEQ is interested in receiving comments that address the proposed design of the landfill, operational practices, and other public health or environmental concerns.

Written comments must be submitted during the comment period which begins with the first publication of this public notice (on or about Thursday, January 12, 2006) and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Monday March 17, 2006. All written comments must be signed by the person making the comments and include his/her name and address. Comments must be submitted to Richard Jeffries, P.E., Manager, Solid Waste Plan Review Unit, Waste Programs Division, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

For more information, contact Deepal Gunawardena at (602) 771-4581, or toll free in Arizona at (800) 234-5677, ext. 771-4581. The proposed municipal solid waste landfill facility expansion plan application and the existing Butterfield Station Facility plans are available for public review at the ADEQ Records Management Center, First Floor, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except public holidays). The expansion plan application is also available at the Town of Maricopa Library, 44240 West Maricopa, Maricopa, Arizona 85239. The Town of Maricopa Library is open on Monday and Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.